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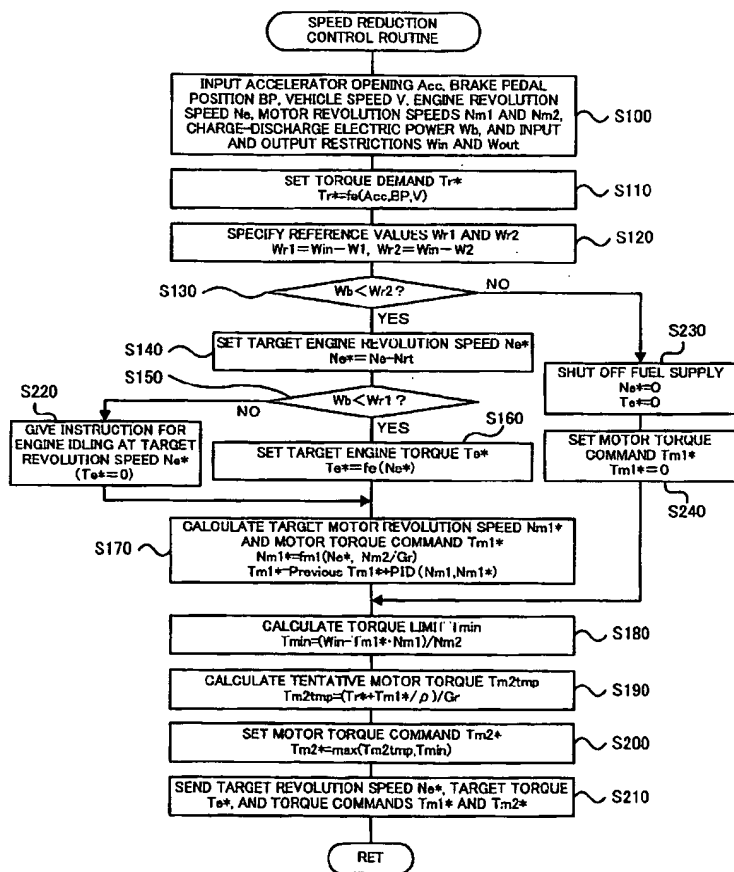
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(54) Title: HYBRID POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD



(57) Abstract: In response to the driver's release of an accelerator, the procedure of the invention sequentially compares an observed charge-discharge electric power  $W_b$  of a battery with two reference values  $W_{r1}$  and  $W_{r2}$ , which are set on the basis of an input restriction  $W_{in}$  of the battery. The procedure changes over a control mode among an ordinary state varying control (processing of and after step S160) to gradually lower a revolution speed  $N_e$  of an engine 22 with torque output, an idling state varying control (step S220) to gradually lower the revolution speed  $N_e$  of the engine 22 while idling the engine 22, and a fuel supply shutoff state varying control (step S230) to shut off fuel supply to the engine 22.



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